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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Name the Application of:

Akihiko CHIBA et al.

Application No.: 10/612,039

Filed: July 3, 2003

Confirmation No.: 4266

Art Unit: 1742

Examiner: Michael P. Alexander

Attorney Dkt. No.: 108421-00075

For: PRECIPITATION HARDENED Co-Ni BASED HEAT-RESISTANT ALLOY AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREFOR

**RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

January 16, 2007

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated September 15, 2006, the period for response being extended from December 15, 2006 to January 15, 2007 (January 15, 2007 = Federal Holiday), by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 8.